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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIKAN PARTICIPATION IN EVIAN G-8 TRANSPARENCY

PILOT -- INTERIM RESPONSE

REF: A. STATE 33364

[1](#)B. MAPUTO 148 (NOTAL)

[1](#)C. STATE 16100

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[1](#)1. (U) Initial Mozambican government reaction to the Transparency Pilot Program, including the need for an explicit commitment at the outset to high transparency standards over time support, has been very positive. Further GRM consultations will be undertaken before we receive a formal response.

[1](#)2. (U) Ambassador presented REFTEL A demarche February 27 to Ministry of Planning and Finance Permanent Secretary Victor Borges and explained the belief that this initiative could support the Mozambican government's substantial work in building a transparent financial management system. Borge's stressed the government's commitment to transparency as one of the key elements in public sector reform. He indicated he would discuss the demarche documents within the ministry and with other ministries, including those working on public sector reform, but made an initial statement the Mozambican Government would be very open to the initiative. Post will report further when the Government has had the chance to discuss the initiative internally.

[1](#)3. (SBU) Comment: With the appointment last week of Minister of Planning and Finance Luisa Diogo as Prime Minister, the Transparency Pilot initiative should be very well received. Diogo, who retains the Finance portfolio in addition to the Prime Ministership, has been the driving force behind the creation of a transparent financial management system. With only a short mandate as Prime Minister before general elections at the end of the year, this initiative can provide her a deliverable in an area where she is deeply committed. End Comment
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